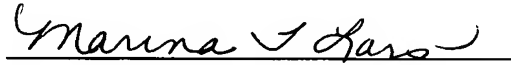


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This preliminary amendment is made to add a reference to the PCT application of which this application is a national phase, and to amend the claims to eliminate multiple dependency. The description of the stairlift assembly in claim s 14-18 is based on the text on Page 1, lines 7-9. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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